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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1901.

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PRICE, \$2.50 Per Month.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON - F. AGAR, 11 & 12, Queen's
Lane, London, E.C. 3.
GOSCH, Ltd., 10, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4.
HENRY & CO., 81, Cannon Street, London, E.C. 4.
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Cannon Street, E.C. 4.
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150, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.
SNOW HILL, Holborn Viaduct, E.C. 4.
PARIS AND EUROPE - MAYENNE,
FAVRE & CO., 18 Rue de la Grange
Battiere.
NEW YORK - THE CHINESE EMERALD
Office, 52, West 22nd Street.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally - BEAS & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND - GOSCH & CO., Mel-
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CEYLON - W. M. SURET & CO., THE
APOTHECARY CO., Colombo.
BATAVIA - H. M. VAN DORE & CO.,
SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c. - KELLY &
WALSH, LTD., Singapore.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS - A. S. WAT-
SON & CO., Manila.
CHINA - MORA, A. A. DE MELO, Amoy,
N. MOORE & CO., LIMITED, Foochow,
BROOKETT & CO., Shanghai, LANE,
CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY &
WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO., and KELLY & WALSH.

Wanted.

WANTED.
SMART CHINESE CLERK; Good
handwriting, some experience, state
if typewriter; good position for an able
man.
Apply
ROBINSON PIANO & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, October 3, 1901. 2035

SITUATION WANTED.
A YOUNG MAN (Chinese) requires
position as Bookkeeper, Clerk,
Interpreter, and Assistant General
Office Work. Good references.
Apply to 'K.'
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, October 3, 1901. 2039

WANTED.
IMMEDIATE SITUATION as GOVERNOR
OF COMPANY.
Apply, 'M.'
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, September 27, 1901. 2002

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.
WANTED.
AN EXPERIENCED MAN of Business
to act as CO-OPERATOR from next
China New Year.
Full particulars can be obtained on
application to the undersigned.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, July 30, 1901. 1573

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
NOTICE is hereby that the TWENTY-
EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held
at its Head Office, No. 1 Queen's Build-
ings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th
October, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the report of the Directors, to-
gether with statements of account for the
year 1900 and for the half-year ending the
30th June, 1901, and of declaring Divi-
dends, &c.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 30th September
to the 10th October, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
W. J. SAUNDERS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 20, 1901. 1952

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of
the UNDERWRITER at 12, Old Market
THURSDAY the 17th Proximo.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 3rd to the 17th
Prox., both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.
Hongkong, September 25, 1901. 1901

NOTICE.
THE UNDERSIGNED will not be RESPON-
SIBLE for any DEBTS contracted
by his wife, FAYATTA AUGUSTA TENGIO DI
SIVA, and every person is hereby prohib-
ited from giving her any Credit.
JOAO JOSE DAS DORES-BARRIOS.
Hongkong, October 3, 1901. 2038

KWONG FUNG YUEN,
TIMBER MERCHANTS.
No. 252, Des Voeux Road West,
Hongkong.

HAVE always on hand a large STOCK
of the following TIMBER -
AMERICAN PINE AND FIR.
BANGKOK TEAKWOOD.
HARDWOOD, ETC., ETC. (in Logs & Planks).
An inspection is respectfully solicited.
Hongkong, September 4, 1901. 1840

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

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seemed that he had three ribs broken, and that he had fainted into a lady's arms and been taken away by her and her sister in a hansom to the nearest hospital.

'So, of course,' concluded the man who had been telling the story, 'you foresee the end of it all.'

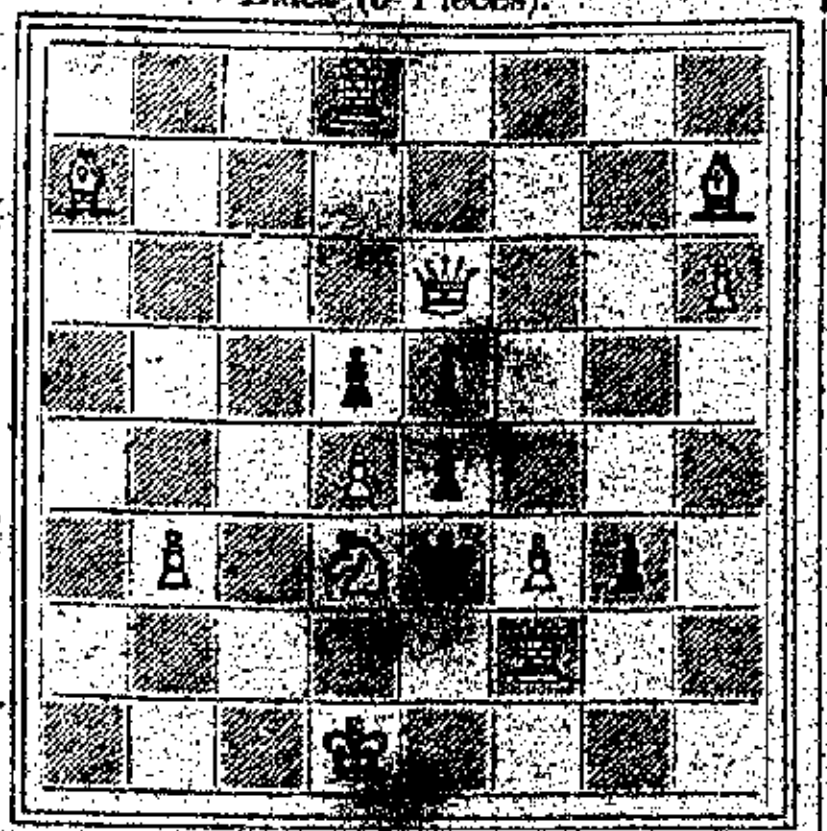
'Why, yes—the girl married Bundy, the good but not beautiful, who had impressed his muddy mark on her heart.'

'Not at all,' said the narrator indignantly. 'I would not tell a story with such a feeble ending as that. No—the Colossus was constantly coming to enquire at the hospital; he turned out quite a good fellow; he was really sorry about Joe Bundy; the girl and he several times met there; then he went to call on her, and finally Joe Bundy just came out of hospital in time to be the best man—right forward,' as he called it in proposing the bride's health—at their wedding. He has forgiven the Colossus for breaking his ribs and his heart, but he'll dispute with you till the cows come home, and very probably he'll knock you down, if you persist in telling him that "none but the brave deserve the fair".'

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Problem No. 35.
Black (5 Pieces).



White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution to Problem No. 34 by L. C. Lin.

White to play and mate in two moves.

1 R-R4 B-B3

2 Kt-Q6 B-B3

3 B-B3 mate

1 Q-B2 B-B3

2 Q-Q3 B-B3

With other variations

Correct solution from L. C. Lin.

The telegraphic chess tournament between Calcutta and Simla has been won by Calcutta, Simla resigning in both instances.

The problem I give this week is out of the beaten track. Solvers will require to be wary.

Is there any element of chance in chess? The answer, says Seguin in the *Times Democrat*, would seem to be irresistibly in the negative; and yet experience, strange to say, demonstrates just a contrary conclusion. Luck there is in the very game itself; and that luck lies in the relative bearing of the possibilities existing in the various positions arising, and in the capacity of the player or players for discerning and availing themselves of them. Even with the masters, positions suddenly develop in the game (wholly independent of their deepest cogitations) of whose possibilities they have been quite unaware until almost the moment of their unconscious evolution. The Blackburne-Pillsbury game which we give is an apt illustration. At the time of its playing, Blackburne's chess force as compared with Pillsbury's was almost as that of an arc to an incandescent light; and yet note how the very nature of the successive positions, beginning, say, with Black's twelfth coup, suggests the 'best move on the board' and produces one of the most charming of historical games. The score and notes (abbreviated) are translated from the German of the 'Book of the Congress' of 1873:—

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

White—Blackburne. Black—Pillsbury.
1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-QB3 (a)
3 Kt-KB3 B-KB4 (b)
4 Q-QKt3 Q-Q2
5 P-P B-KB3
6 Kt-KB3 P-K3 (c)
7 Kt-K5 Q-Q2
8 B-KB4 (d) B-Q3
9 Q-R3 B-Q3
10 P-KKt4 (f) Kt-Kt3
11 P-R4 B-Kt5 ch
12 Kt-Q5 (g) B-Kt5 ch
13 K-Q5 (h) B-B3
14 B-K2 Q-QB4
15 K-B B-Kt5
16 Kt-QB7 Kt-Kt3 (h)
17 B-R3 Kt-PxP (f)
18 Kt-R B-K3
19 P-Q R3 B-Kt3
20 P-B Q-QKt3
21 K-R-Q sq Kt-Kt3
22 B-Q6 (m) P-Q4
23 B-Q5 (n) Q-QKt4 ch
24 K-Q3 P-B5
25 K-R3 P-Kt4 (o)
26 B-Kt3 B-Kt3
27 B-QKt1 R-R4
28 Q-QB4 Q-KB4
29 P-Q5 P-B3
30 R-KKt sq Kt-QP ch
31 K-B2 P-K6 (p)
32 P-Q R3 B-P ch
33 K-Q R3 B-B ch

(a) P-K3 is much better.
(b) This move loses a P.
(c) Absolutely necessary. Black dared not take the QP, on account of 7 Kt-K5 (or, otherwise, 7 Kt-QP), &c.

(d) Instead of this P-QB3, Kt-QP; Kt-Kt3, P-Kt3, 10 P-KB3, deserved consideration for White.

(e) The parties are highly interesting. Upon 9...KPxP, there would probably follow 10 P-K4, Kt-KP1; 11 Kt-QP, Q-Rch; 12 Kt-QB3 and White has a good game. Should Black, for his 10th move, take the P with either B or QP, 11 QKt-Kt5, &c., would win for White.

(f) This combination leads to extraordinarily intricate positions.

(g) 12 QP-Kt would obviously be unsound.

(h) Had White captured the B, Black would have won by 13...Kt-Bch and 14...QxP.

(i) Instead of equality by 10...QxKt, Black prefers to give up the exchange for a good attack.

(j) After 17...Kt-B3, White's P's would eventually have become very dangerous.

(k) 23...P-K5 was better.

(l) If 22 QR KR sq the reply would be 23...R-K sq; 24 P-B5, Kt-B5ch, &c.

(m) From this on, stroke follows stroke. With every move Black threatens speedy mate.

(n) Black plays the ending in excellent style.

I am not personally a believer in luck at chess. I say this after having read a long article in the *Sydney Mail* on the recent championship tournament of New South Wales. The writer of that article analyses the play throughout the tournament, and shows how, in his opinion, such and such a player might have lost if the other player had made the correct move. Now, it is the natural exclamation to say: 'Oh, yes, Black won, but he was lucky in pulling it off, for if Smith had seen that mate in twelve he would have won, of course.' Well, I don't say that is luck. It is downright bad play; and the conclusion I arrived at after reading the article of my Sydney confrere was that there must have been a shocking amount of bad play in the N.S.W. tournament. It is not luck if an opponent leads off with an opening you know, for, presumably, he also has analysed it, and is familiar with the principal variations. Chess is not like billiards. In a game of billiards a great deal depends on the run of the balls. In chess, the stronger player invariably wins, and if he loses it is by an oversight or bad play. Palpable mistakes mean palpable bad play.

The following game was played in the tournament referred to above and won by the ex-champion:—

(RAY LOPEZ.)
White. (J. A. Pictet.) Black. (E. N. Wallace.)
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 Kt-KB3 Q-Kt3
3 B-K3 B-B3
4 P-Q3 P-Q3
5 Castles P-Q3
6 P-QR3 (a) B-Kt5
7 B-Kt5 (b) P-KR3
8 B-R4 P-Kt4
9 B-Kt3 P-R4
10 P-R3 P-B4
11 B-B2 B-R4
12 Q-B sq (c) B-Kt
13 P-B Q-Q2
14 K-Kt2 Castles Q R
15 B-Kt P-B
16 R-R sq Q-R-Kt sq
17 Kt-Q2 P-Kt5
18 R-P (d) Kt-P (d)
19 P-Kt QxP ch
20 K-B sq Q-Kt7 ch
21 K-K2 QxP ch
22 K-Q sq K-K7
23 P-B3 P-K6
24 B-R3 BxP ch
25 B-R ch QxP ch
26 K-B2 Q-Kt7
27 Q-K sq B-B5
28 R-Q sq P-R6
29 Q-R sq B-Kt
30 Q-Q Kt sq P-Q
31 P-Kt Kt sq B-B5
32 R-P R-R7, and wins.

(a) P to B3 is the right move.
(b) Breaking the principle that it is worse than useless to pin the Kt when a player has castled and his opponent has not.
(c) It is seldom that the Ray Lopez comes so early to grief.
(d) Black has the ball at his foot and is kicking merrily. His play throughout could not be improved.

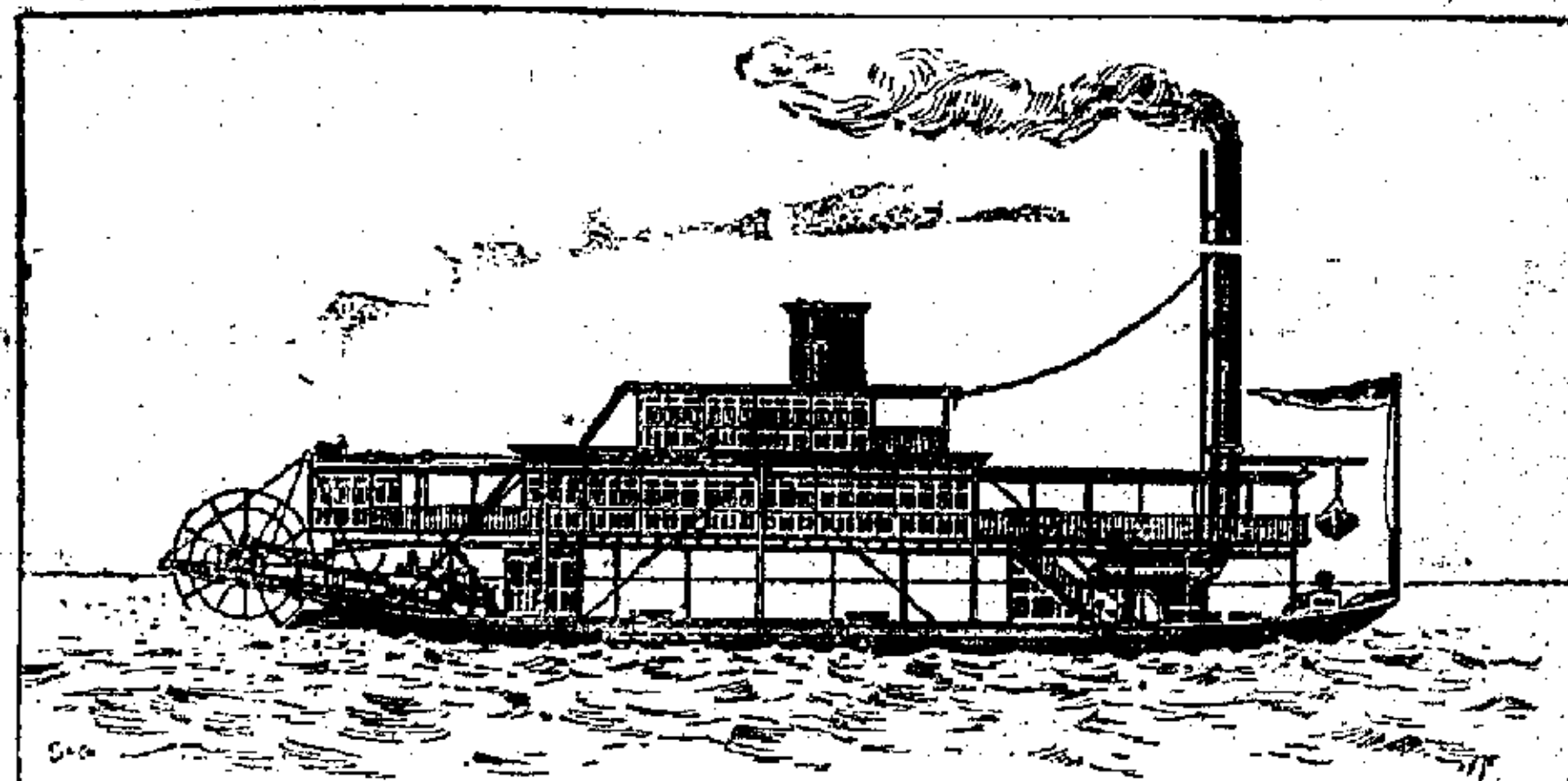
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